

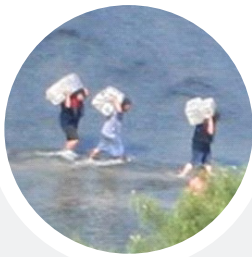


## **HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION NETWORK (HSIN):**

# *Delivering Mission Success*

Homeland security professionals across the nation and internationally rely on HSIN's unique features to meet their operational information sharing needs. HSIN **connects the right people, with the right information, at the right time** and provides mission users with the critical data they need.

**Below are four examples of how HSIN has improved communications and information sharing across the homeland.**



### **Operation Strong Safety (OSS)**

In Texas, the Department of Public Safety is relying on HSIN to support collaboration between 15 agencies as they work together to reduce human trafficking and drug smuggling along the Texas-Mexico border.

#### **HSIN Solution:**

- Automated incident information mapping
- Central location for all operational information
- Direct reporting from the field

#### **Impact in the field:**

- Commanders streaming video from the field to support decision making
- No duplication of effort during incident reporting
- Operation leaders have complete access to information and video from any location



### **Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination (BRAVE) Project**

The Louisiana Fusion Center is using HSIN to work with local law enforcement to monitor and track gang activity across the state resulting in a highly effective violence elimination strategy.

#### **HSIN Solution:**

- Statewide gang and gang member database
- Ability to track activity across jurisdictional boundaries
- Simplified access to gang-related information

#### **Impact in the field:**

- 18 percent drop in violent crime in Baton Rouge as a result of the BRAVE project
- Sworn law enforcement officers have access to detailed gang information when and where they need it



### **Multi-State Facial Recognition (MS-FR)**

Fusion Centers and law enforcement officials across the country are using HSIN to help identify persons of interest in active investigations by sharing access to facial recognition capabilities.

#### **HSIN Solution:**

- Access to facial recognition capabilities across state lines
- Unified Request for Information (RFI) resource
- Central location to track and view RFI results

#### **Impact in the field:**

- Helped identify a person of interest in a murder trial and bring the suspect to investigation
- 36 fusion centers are currently participating in the MS-FR effort on HSIN
- Approximately 400 MS-FR users have joined since August 2014



### **Investigation Support: iTrack**

The Georgia Information Sharing & Analysis Center (GISAC) can process information in real time to manage complex investigations and provide situational awareness across multiple agencies.

#### **HSIN Solution:**

- Centralized lead tracking for all partner agencies
- Real time access to investigation results
- Streamlined tip reporting

#### **Impact in the field:**

- Originally created to support the investigation of a murdered police officer
- Streamlined data on missing persons, active shooter response and other operations
- Adapted for use in other states and the Georgia Department of Corrections



**Operation Strong Safety (OSS) brings together air, ground and marine saturation patrols to coordinate efforts and disrupt the activities of transnational criminal gangs working in the areas between the official ports of entry. This type of intense collaboration requires transparent communications across participating agencies.**

## HSIN Mission Impact

- **Real-time Information Sharing**  
No matter their location, participating officers are able to share information directly with one another and to the command post in real time
- **Live mapping of incident locations**  
As they are reported, incidents appear on a live map that can be filtered to show certain types of incidents or a single incident can be selected to access more information
- **Push live information to field officers**  
Field and undercover agents can access live updates from other officers in the area and view live video feeds from their mobile devices
- **Eliminate duplication of effort**  
Partner agencies can access raw data and intelligence as soon as it becomes available so they can coordinate activities
- **Comprehensive situational awareness**  
Command staff can access event and activity information for all agencies in a centralized location from anywhere at any time

## PRAISE FROM THE FIELD

*"The type of interoperability between agencies we have achieved would not have been possible if we were limited to using our own platforms within our networks. HSIN has been very successful so far."*

**Lee Anne Groves**  
Commander, Texas Joint Information Crime Center

## TIMELINE



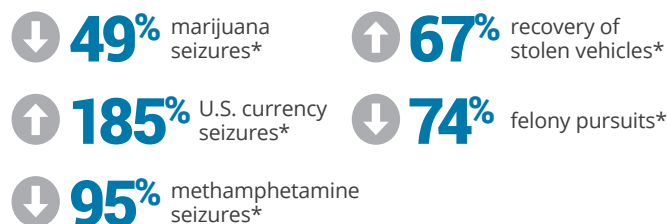
*\* OSS was originally intended to be a 3-month surge. The amazing success of the operation has led to an ongoing 24/7 operation that is having a positive impact in a high-risk border region.*

## COLLABORATING AGENCIES

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| ■ <b>Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS)</b> | ■ Hidalgo County Sheriff                              |
| ■ Texas Park and Wildlife                          | ■ Mission Police Department                           |
| ■ Texas State Guard                                | ■ Pharr Police Department                             |
| ■ Texas National Guard                             | ■ Roma Police Department                              |
| ■ Texas Attorney General Office                    | ■ Rio Grande Valley Constable                         |
| ■ Texas Commission of Law Enforcement              | ■ U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Air and Marine |
| ■ Hidalgo Police Department                        | ■ U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Border Patrol  |

## SUCCESS STATS

Metrics from a previous OSS mission clearly illustrate the program's success in reducing criminal activity by enhancing inter-agency collaboration and tightening border security:



*\* over a three-week period*

